

Baptism Shawl Directions

(Note: you may use other patterns, if you wish.)

Size:

36" square = 36" from corner to corner (24")

Materials:

3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun (2 skeins)

Size 11 needles

Directions:

Cast on 5 stitches. Knit one row.

Next row: Knit 3, yo, k 2

Next row: Knit 3, yo, k 3

Next row: Knit 3, yo, knit to end

Repeat last row until there are 120 (80) stitches on needle.

First decrease row, Nit 2, k2tog, yo, k2tog, k to end.

Repeat last row until there are 7 stitches on needle.

Last decrease row: Knit 2, k2tog, k to end.

Bind off remaining stitches.

Sample prayer to begin or enclose with shawl:

Dear Lord, bless this child and welcome him or her into your family. Bless this child with a healthy mind and body. God, look with kindness upon the mother and father of this child. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Bless them as a family through Christ our Lord, the Savior of men and women and the friend of children. Amen.



Prayers that could be used before, during and when ~~completing a shawl.~~

God of grace and God of glory, you alone know what _____ and his/her family need at this time. Surround them with your loving peace that they might find solace and comfort in you. Amen.

God of love, surround _____ with your tender mercy in this time of struggle and sorrow. May this shawl be a source of comfort and the warmth of your love in the days ahead. Amen.

Loving God, as I work to create this shawl, may it become a sign of your love and concern as _____ faces treatment in the days ahead. Amen.

God, we know that you are with us in the midst of the toils and struggles of our lives. May this shawl be a sign of that presence and a source of tender hope and peace for _____ in this time of need. Amen.

As I create this shawl, may you guide my hands and my thoughts. I pray for _____ in her/his time of need, trusting that this gift will be a reminder to him/her of your love and concern which surrounds us all our days. Amen.

Loving God, may the rhythm of the rows and stitches all tied together be a sign to _____ of the tie that binds us all together - that of your love and mercy. Amen.

Directions for Making a Prayer Shawl

Yarn

You will need three skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn for either knit or crocheted shawls. This brand of yarn is suggested because of its soft texture and colors. The yarn is available at Wal-Mart, Michael's or JoAnn's Craft stores. If you have a local quilt or knit shop in your area contact them and perhaps it can be ordered locally. (Note: If you have yarn at home you'd like to use, that's okay too.)

Knitting

Use size 13 needles.

These needles provide a loose weave and make the project go fast.

Begin by casting on 57 stitches. Pattern: Knit 3, purl 3, to the end of the row. Turn, and repeat the pattern. Each row will begin with "Knit 3"	OR	Cast on 60 stitches and just knit the entire 3 skeins.
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Fringe

Before you begin your third skein, set aside the yarn you will need for making the fringe for both ends of the shawl. Then, knit until you finish the yarn.

Attach fringe to shawl.

The fringe is made by cutting 130 lengths of yarn about 8 inches long. Hold two together and fold in half. This creates four ends. Pull through and knot.